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Mr. MURDOCK, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[Pursuant to H. Res. 80, 82d Cong., 1st sess.]

Pursuant to House Resolution 80, first session, Eighty-second Congress, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs reports on certain of its activities during the Eighty-second Congress.

Formerly known as the Committee on Public Lands, the name of Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs was approved by the House on February 2, 1951 (pursuant to H. Res. 100), to more accurately describe the wide scope of committee jurisdiction and activity. The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 vested legislative jurisdiction over the following subjects in this committee:

1. Public lands generally, including entry, easements, and grazing thereon.
2. Mineral resources of the public lands.
3. Forfeiture of land grants and alien ownership, including alien ownership of mineral lands.
4. Forest reserves and national parks created from the public domain.
5. Military parks and battlefields, and national cemeteries.
6. Preservation of prehistoric ruins, and objects of interest on the public domain.
7. Measures relating generally to Hawaii, Alaska, and the insular possessions of the United States, except those affecting the revenue and appropriations.
8. Irrigation and reclamation, including water supply for reclamation projects.
9. Interstate compacts relating to apportionment of waters for irrigation purposes.

10. Mining interests generally.
11. Mineral land laws and claims and entries thereunder.
12. Geological Survey.
13. Mining schools and experimental stations.
14. Petroleum conservation on the public lands and conservation of the radium supply in the United States.
15. Relations of the United States with the Indians and the Indian tribes.
16. Measures relating to the care, education, and management of Indians, including the care and allotment of Indian lands and general and special measures relating to claims which are paid out of Indian funds.

Major measures reported by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and enacted into public law include—

Authorizing an annual appropriation to provide more adequate facilities for the care and treatment of Hansen's disease in the Territory of Hawaii.

Granting the consent of Congress to the States of Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact for the disposition, allocation, diversion, and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes.

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Collbran reclamation project, Colorado.

To provide for the use of the tribal funds of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Utah and Ouray Reservation, to authorize a per capita payment out of such funds, to provide for the division of certain tribal funds with the Southern Utes, and for other purposes.

Granting the consent of the Congress to the negotiation of a compact relating to the waters of the Sabine River by the States of Texas and Louisiana.

To provide the basis for authorization of irrigation works in connection with Chief Joseph Dam, to provide for financial assistance thereto from power revenues, and for other purposes.

To provide for research into and demonstration of practical means for the economical production from sea or other saline waters of water suitable for agricultural, industrial, municipal, and other beneficial consumptive uses, and for other purposes.

To approve contracts negotiated with the Gerin and Fort Laramie irrigation district, the Goshen irrigation district and the Pathfinder irrigation district, and to authorize the execution of contracts with individual water right contractors on the North Platte Federal reclamation project and with the Northport irrigation district, and for other purposes.

Approving the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which was adopted by the people of Puerto Rico on March 3, 1952.

Granting the consent and approval of Congress to a compact entered into by the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming, relating to the waters of the Yellowstone River.

Granting the consent of Congress to a compact entered into by the States of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, relating to the Canadian River.

Because of the large volume of bills referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, five subcommittees are utilized in

considering legislation. These are: Subcommittee on Public Lands (chairman, Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.); Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation (chairman, Hon. Clair Engle); Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Possessions (chairman, Hon. Monroe Redden); Subcommittee on Mines and Mining (chairman, Hon. Ken Regan); and Subcommittee on Indian Affairs (chairman, Hon. Toby Morris).

Bills studied by the Subcommittee on Public Lands included several relating to the acquisition of privately owned land in national parks and monuments. Two of these bills, H. R. 3540 (to provide for boundary adjustments of the Badlands National Monument in the State of South Dakota) and H. R. 4515 (to authorize the acquisition by exchange of certain properties within Death Valley National Monument, Calif.), became public law. Three others, H. R. 1221 (to authorize the acquisition by the United States of the remaining non-Federal lands within Big Bend National Park); H. R. 2327 (to authorize the exchange of lands acquired by the United States for Prince William Forest Park, Prince William County, Va., for the purpose of consolidating Federal holdings therein); and H. R. 6439 (to authorize the addition of land to the Appomattox Courthouse National Historical Monument, Va.), passed the House but failed to receive Senate consideration before adjournment.

In the course of its consideration of bills relating to the Nation's public lands, the Subcommittee on Public Lands repeatedly noted the urgent need for a revision of the complex system of public land laws. Five thousand laws governing the management, use, sale, and conservation of the public lands of the United States have developed since the beginning of the Republic. The subcommittee found the vast majority of these laws to be obsolete, ineffectual, contradictory, inconsistent, or not in the best interest of the principles of proper land disposal and management, and recommended that a program be initiated for their revision, simplification, and modernization.

As a result of the subcommittee's recommendations a special Subcommittee on Revision of the Public Land Laws was appointed, with Congressman Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., designated as chairman. Mr. Jacob N. Wasserman, chief counsel of the Bureau of Land Management, was detailed by the Department of the Interior to work with the special subcommittee.

The Special Subcommittee on Revision of the Public Land Laws held conferences in Anchorage and Juneau, Alaska, during September 1952. Subsequent meetings were held in Portland, Oreg., and Sacramento, Calif. The subcommittee endeavored to obtain from departmental and State officials and from local witnesses data which would be helpful in determining public land policy. It is hoped that the planned codification and revision of the public land laws may be completed in the Eighty-third Congress (see separate report filed with the House).

Extensive hearings were held by the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation on H. R. 1500 (authorizing the construction, operation, and maintenance of a dam and incidental works in the main stream of the Colorado River at Bridge Canyon, together with certain appurtenant dams and canals), and H. R. 5743 (to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the initial phase of the Snake River reclamation project by the Secretary of the Interior). Although no final action was taken on these bills, a valuable record has been obtained for use in future Congresses.

Major irrigation measures reported to the House included H. R. 2131 (to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and report to the Congress on the conservation, development, and utilization of the water resources of Hawaii); H. R. 5368 (to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain certain facilities to provide water for irrigation and domestic use from the Santa Margarita River, Calif., and the joint utilization of a dam and reservoir and other waterwork facilities by the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Navy); and H. R. 7084 (to facilitate the development of small reclamation projects). The first two passed the House.

Considered by the Subcommittee on Territories and Insular Possessions, and subsequently reported to and passed by the House, were H. R. 1733 (to authorize the establishment of the City of Refuge National Historical Park, in the Territory of Hawaii, and for other purposes), and H. R. 7393 (to revise the Organic Act of the Virgin Islands of the United States). Another major bill reported to the House was H. R. 8086 (to govern the hospitalization of the mentally ill of Alaska, and for other purposes).

The Subcommittee on Mines and Mining conducted lengthy hearings on the defense minerals production program with the objective of determining the authority and responsibilities of each administrative unit of the Government having any jurisdiction over various phases of the program, as well as what had been accomplished or proposed under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to encourage the exploration, development, and mining of critical and strategic minerals and metals from domestic sources.

Mining bills reported and passed by the House included H. R. 4752 (to amend the mineral leasing laws in order to eliminate the waiver of rentals for oil and gas leases) and H. R. 5383 (to provide for the control and extinguishment of outcrop and underground fires in coal formations).

One of the primary aims of this committee is to enable the Indians to become self-supporting and independent of Federal control. Bills of this nature considered by the Indian Affairs Subcommittee include H. R. 1214 (Papago Tribe); H. R. 1635 (Indians of Western Oklahoma); H. R. 1786 (Five Civilized Tribes, Oklahoma); H. R. 3542 (Oglala Sioux Indians); and H. R. 4132 (Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe).

The Indian Affairs Subcommittee carefully considered H. R. 459 (to confer jurisdiction on the several States over offenses committed by or against Indians within Indian country). The bill was subsequently reported and passed the House.

The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, in its studies, attempted to cover the subjects which would determine how legislation previously enacted was functioning, what new legislation was needed, and to acquire data which would be helpful to the Congress in considering pending legislation and determining policies for future legislation. In the field, hearings were held on irrigation problems in Arizona, California, Idaho, Texas, Washington, Utah, and Colorado; on mining legislation, in Arizona, North Carolina, Idaho, and Nevada; and on Indian problems, in Arizona, New Mexico, North Carolina, Alaska, Wyoming, and Utah. The non-self-governing islands of the Pacific were visited, as well as Guam and the Territory of Hawaii. Hearings

also were held in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands on legislation vital to those areas.

An extensive program of research on basic natural resources data has been conducted by Dr. J. R. Mahoney, senior specialist on natural resources, Library of Congress. Dr. Mahoney has held conferences in Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, California, Arizona, Florida, and Louisiana. Reports thereon will be submitted in January 1953 which will carry the results of new studies by scientists and will provide preliminary interpretation of the potentials of our resources.

A special subcommittee, headed by Congressman Clair Engle as chairman, was appointed pursuant to House Resolution 676, which authorizes an investigation and study of the seaward boundaries of the United States. Hearings were held in California, Louisiana, and Washington, D. C. (See separate report filed with the House.)

Pursuant to House Resolution 698, a special subcommittee was appointed for the purpose of conducting an investigation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Congressman Toby Morris was named chairman of this special subcommittee (see separate report filed with the House).

We are pleased to report that in a great number of instances we were able to follow up the studies made by the committee with the passage of legislation. In order not to make this report too long we have not attempted to enumerate all of the studies or investigations made by the committee, but are merely attempting to give the high points and a report of the legislation passed. Separate reports are being submitted on some of the more important problems.

The committee staff and the departments and all members of the committee cooperated in the work of the committee. The committee is able to turn back a substantial portion of the funds allowed it.

Public and private laws enacted during the Eighty-second Congress which were handled and reported out of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs are listed as follows:

History of bills enacted into public law (82d Cong.) Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

Public law	Title of bill
44	To amend sec. 28 of the Enabling Act for the State of Arizona relating to the terms of leases of State-owned lands.
59	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain land in the State of Montana to the city of Poplar and the county of Roosevelt, Mont.
77	To protect scenic values along the Grand Canyon Park South Approach Highway (State 64) within the Kaibab National Forest, Ariz.
103	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the city of Klamath Falls, Oreg., all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in certain lands in Klamath County Oreg., and for other purposes
118	To authorize a per capita payment to members of the Menominee Tribe of Indians.
120	To provide for the use of the tribal funds of the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, to authorize a per capita payment out of such funds, to provide for the division of certain tribal funds with the Southern Utes, and for other purposes.

History of bills enacted into public law (82d Cong.) Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs—Continued

Public law	Title of bill
133	To amend the act authorizing the segregation and expenditure of trust funds held in joint ownership by the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Reservation for the purpose of extending the time in which payments are to be made to members of such tribes under such act, and for other purposes.
185	To provide for the transfer or quitclaim of title to certain lands in Florida.
197	To amend title 25, sec. 247, of the Code of Laws of the United States of America, to empower courts to remit or mitigate forfeitures.
212	To amend the act of June 28, 1948 (62 Stat. 1061), to provide for the operation, management, maintenance, and demolition of federally acquired properties following the acquisition of such properties and before the establishment of the Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.
231	Granting the consent and approval of Congress to a compact entered into by the States of Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming, relating to the waters of the Yellowstone River.
241	To ratify and confirm act 7 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1951, extending the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under ch. 118, Revised Laws of Hawaii, 1945.
252	Granting the consent of the Congress to the negotiation of a compact relating to the waters of the Sabine River by the States of Texas and Louisiana.
259	Authorizing the acquisition by the Secretary of the Interior of the Gila Pueblo in Gila County, Ariz., for archeological laboratory and storage purposes, and for other purposes.
269	To amend Public Law 848, 81st Cong., 2d sess.
270	To repeal the act of Aug. 7, 1939 (53 Stat. 1243, 48 U. S. C., sec. 353).
273	To extend the time during which the Secretary of the Interior may enter into amendatory repayment contracts under the Federal reclamation laws, and for other purposes.
284	To authorize the acquisition by exchange of certain properties within Death Valley National Monument, Calif., and for other purposes.
288	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue to school district No. 28, Ronan, Mont., a patent in fee to certain Indian land.
289	To amend the Hawaiian Organic Act relating to qualifications of jurors.
291	To provide for medical services to non-Indians in Indian hospitals, and for other purposes.
292	To authorize the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association of Salt Lake City, Utah, to grant and convey to Salt Lake City, Utah, a portion of the lands heretofore granted to such association by the United States.
296	To restore certain land to the Territory of Hawaii and to authorize said Territory to exchange the whole or a portion of the same.
302	To amend the act authorizing the negotiation and ratification of certain contracts with certain Indians of the Sioux Tribe in order to extend the time for negotiation and approval of such contracts.
320	To authorize the exchange of certain lands located within and in the vicinity of the Federal Communications Commission's primary monitoring station, Portland, Ore.
328	To provide for boundary adjustments of the Badlands National Monument in the State of South Dakota, and for other purposes.
331	To amend the act of Sept. 25, 1950, so as to provide that the liability of the town of Mills, Wyo., to furnish sewerage service under such act shall not extend to future construction by the United States.
336	To authorize the transfer of lands from the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture.
345	Granting the consent of Congress to a compact entered into by the States of Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico, relating to the Canadian River.

History of bills enacted into public law (82d Cong.) Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs—Continued

Public law	Title of bill
380	To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu to issue certain bonds for flood-control purposes.
381	To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu to issue certain public-improvement bonds.
382	To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the city and county of Honolulu, a municipal corporation of the Territory of Hawaii, to issue bonds for the acquisition of real property for public-school purposes and for construction and replacement of buildings for public-school purposes.
383	To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui, T. H., to issue public improvement bonds for the construction of flood-control projects on Iao stream.
384	To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the county of Maui, T. H., to issue public-improvement bonds for the construction of new public-school buildings.
385	To enable the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii to authorize the board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu to issue certain bonds for the construction of the Kalihi tunnel and its approach roads.
389	To authorize the conveyance of lands in the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation to the State of California or to the Hoopa unified school district for use for school purposes.
398	To authorize a \$100 per capita payment to members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians from the proceeds of the sale of timber and lumber on the Red Lake Reservation.
402	To approve a contract negotiated with the irrigation districts on the Owyhee Federal project, to authorize its execution, and for other purposes.
411	Authorizing an annual appropriation to provide more adequate facilities for the care and treatment of Hansen's disease in the Territory of Hawaii.
415	Providing that excess-land provisions of the Federal reclamation laws shall not apply to certain lands that will receive a supplemental or regulated water supply from the San Luis Valley project, Colorado.
417	To authorize each of the States of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington to pool royalties derived from lands granted to it for public schools and various State institutions.
440	To authorize the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole Tribes of Indians to make contracts for professional legal services with approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.
441	To provide for the conveyance of the Centre Hill Mansion, Petersburg, Va., to the Petersburg Battlefield Museum Corp., and for other purposes.
445	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the Collbran reclamation project, Colorado.
447	Approving the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico which was adopted by the people of Puerto Rico on March 3, 1952.
448	To provide for research into and demonstration of practical means for the economical production, from sea or other saline waters of water suitable for agricultural, industrial, municipal, and other beneficial consumptive uses, and for other purposes.
474	To change the name of Medicine Creek Reservoir in Frontier County in the State of Nebraska to "Harry Strunk Lake."
478	To amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of the Coronado International Memorial in the State of Arizona," approved Aug. 18, 1941 (55 Stat. 630).

History of bills enacted into public law (82d Cong.) Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs—Continued

Public law	Title of bill
481	To withdraw and restore to its previous status under the control of the Territory of Hawaii that certain Hawaiian homelands required for the use of the board of water supply of the city and county of Honolulu for the location of a water shaft, pump station, and tunnel, and to amend sec. 203 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, so as to confer upon certain lands of Auwailimu, Kewalo-Uka, and Kalawahine, on the island of Oahu, T. H., the status of Hawaiian homelands.
482	To amend secs. 213 (b), 213 (c), and 215 of title II of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended.
483	To amend sec. 73 (l) of the Hawaiian Organic Act.
484	To amend sec. 73 (i) of the Hawaiian Organic Act.
485	To further amend sec. 202 (a) of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, as amended, relating to membership on the Hawaiian Homes Commission.
496	To amend the act of July 26, 1946 (Public Law 551, 79th Cong.), relating to the issuance of general-obligation bonds by the city of Anchorage, Alaska.
497	To amend the act of June 28, 1948 (62 Stat. 1061), relating to the establishment of the Independence National Historical Park.
500	To change the name of the South Coulee Dam in the Columbia Basin project to "Dry Falls Dam."
520	To amend the act entitled "An act relating to the compensation of commissioners for the Territory of Alaska," approved Mar. 15, 1948 (62 Stat. 80).
523	To ratify and confirm Act 291 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1949, sec. 2 of Act 152 of the Session Laws of Hawaii 1951, and sec. 2 of Act 171 of the Session Laws of 1951, which included Maui County Waterworks Board, Kauai County Waterworks Board, and the Board of Water Supply of the County of Hawaii, under the definition of "municipality" in the issuance of revenue bonds pursuant to the Revenue Bond Act of 1935.
540	To amend certain 10-year oil and gas leases.
544	To provide for the conveyance to the town of Dedham, Maine, of a certain strip of land situated in such town and used as a road right-of-way.
572	Granting the consent of Congress to the States of Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into a compact for the disposition, allocation, diversion, and apportionment of the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries, and for other purposes.
577	To provide the basis for authorization of irrigation works in connection with Chief Joseph Dam, to provide for financial assistance thereto from power revenues, and for other purposes.
578	To approve contracts negotiated with the Gering and Fort Laramie irrigation district, the Goshen irrigation district, and the Pathfinder irrigation district, and to authorize the execution of contracts with individual water right contractors on the North Platte Federal reclamation project and with the Northport irrigation district, and for other purposes.
591	To vest title in the United States to certain lands and interests in lands of the Shoshone and Arapaho Indian Tribes of the Wind River Reservation and to provide compensation therefor, and for other purposes.

HISTORY OF BILLS ENACTED INTO PRIVATE LAW (82D CONG.) COMMITTEE ON
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Private law	Title of bill
108	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Richard James Brown.
109	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Alice E. Williams Sisk.
111	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Percival H. Glenn.
113	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Eloise White Bear.
114	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Lula M. White Bear.
137	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in fee to certain allottees on the Crow Indian Reservation.
191	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Mabel Monroe Bonds.
229	To authorize the sale of certain allotted land on the Crow Reservation, Mont.
230	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Lucille Ellen Sanders Groh.
231	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Julia Jackson Sanders.
232	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Julia Jackson Sanders.
367	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Laura A. Craig.
370	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Louis W. Milliken.
371	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Ursula Rutherford Ollinger.
372	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Mary Rutherford Spearson.
411	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Joseph Pickett.
596	To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain land on the Chena River to the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association, of Fairbanks, Alaska.
790	To authorize the granting of Kaiser Steel Corp. of rights-of-way on, over, under, through, and across certain public lands, and of patent in fee to certain other public lands.
793	To authorize and direct the conveyance of a certain tract of land in the State of Mississippi to Louie H. Emfinger.
838	To provide for the transfer of certain lands in the State of Idaho to the Idaho Ranch for Youth, Inc.
840	To authorize the sale of certain public land in Alaska to Victory Bible Camp Ground, Inc
842	To authorize the sale of certain public land in Alaska to the Catholic Society of Alaska for use as a mission.
845	Authorizing the issuance of a patent in fee to William Big Day.
854	Authorizing the issuance of a patent in fee to Erle E. Howe.
855	Authorizing the issuance of patent in fee to John B Cummins.
870	Authorizing the issuance of a patent in fee to Walter Anson Pease.
871	Authorizing the issuance of a patent in fee to Franklin Yarlott.
872	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent in fee to Viola Delaney.
873	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in fee to certain allottees on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.
874	Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents in fee to certain allottees on the Crow Indian Reservation.
875	To authorize the sale of certain land in Utah to the Bench Lake Irrigation Co., of Hurricane, Utah.

HISTORY OF BILLS ENACTED INTO PRIVATE LAW (82D CONG.) COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS—Continued

Private law	Title of bill
876	To cancel irrigation maintenance and operation charges on the Shoshone Indian Mission School lands on the Wind River Indian Reservation.
1010	To provide for issuance of a supplemental patent to Charles A. Gann, patentee No. 152419, for certain land in California.

The following table summarizes statistically the work of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee by subcommittee grouping. In all, 563 bills were referred to it, of which 178 were reported to the House with the recommendation that they be passed. Of this number, 64 became public law, 33 private law, and 1 was vetoed by the President. Another 71 have passed the House and are awaiting action in the Senate. Of those which were not reported, 145 were tabled by the committee or were not considered because of being duplicates. A total of 218 of the bills referred were still pending as of December 31, 1952, although hearings had been held on 39 of this group.

Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, status of bills referred, 82d Cong.

	Full committee	Public Lands Subcommittee	Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee	Territories and Insular Possessions Subcommittee	Mines and Mining Subcommittee	Indian Affairs Subcommittee	Total
Referred:							
House bills.....	2	144	74	68	44	178	510
House joint resolutions.....	4	11	0	3	1	3	22
House resolutions.....	0	1	0	0	1	3	5
House concurrent resolutions.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Senate bills.....	1	7	5	0	2	8	23
Senate joint resolutions.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total referred.....	7	163	81	71	48	193	563
Reported by committee:							
Public law.....	0	14	16	20	2	12	64
Private law.....	0	5	1	3	0	24	33
Vetoed by President.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Passed House, pending in Senate.....	0	30	5	8	4	24	71
Remaining on House Calendar.....	0	1	3	3	0	2	9
Total reported.....	0	50	26	34	6	62	178
Otherwise disposed of:							
Similar, duplicate, substitute bills, tabled, etc.....	5	43	29	14	22	32	145
Ordered reported to full committee.....	0	4	2	2	1	13	22
Hearings held, pending.....	1	7	5	3	4	19	39
Pending.....	1	59	19	18	15	67	179
Total.....	7	113	55	37	42	131	385

Total of 384 bills considered by committee.